

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (previously amended) In combination with a grounded
2 support and a smart card, a card holder comprising:

3 a dielectric base fixed to the support and formed with a
4 throughgoing cutout exposing the grounded support;

5 a conductive cover forming a slot dimensioned to hold the
6 card;

7 a hinge on the dielectric base pivotally carrying the
8 conductive cover for movement between an open position with the
9 cover and the card in the slot partially raised from the base and a
10 closed position with the cover and the card in the slot closely
11 juxtaposed with the base and covering the cutout; and

12 a ground contact carried on and electrically connected to
13 the cover and positioned to engage through the cutout directly with
14 the grounded support in the closed position of the cover.

1 2. (previously amended) The card holder defined in
2 claim 1 wherein the ground contact is of the same material as the
3 cover.

1 3. (previously amended) The card holder defined in
2 claim 2 wherein the ground contact is formed as a spring finger.

1 4. (previously amended) The card holder defined in
2 claim 2 wherein the ground contact is unitary with the cover.

1 5. (previously amended) The card holder defined in
2 claim 2 wherein the ground contact is formed at an edge of the
3 cover.

1 6. (previously amended) The card holder defined in
2 claim 1 wherein the ground contact is offset from the card slot.

1 7. (previously amended) In combination with a grounded
2 support and a smart card, a card holder comprising:
3 a dielectric base fixed to the support;
4 a conductive cover forming a slot dimensioned to hold the
5 card and pivotal on the base between an open position partially
6 raised from the base and a closed position closely juxtaposed with
7 the base; and
8 latch means between the cover and the base for releasably
9 securing the cover in the closed position and including a grounded
10 latching tab fixed to the base and engageable with the cover only
11 in the closed position.

8. (canceled)

1 9. (previously amended) The card holder defined in
2 claim 7 wherein the tab is formed with a tongue engageable with the
3 cover and holding it against the base only in the closed position.

1 10. (previously amended) The card holder defined in
2 claim 7 wherein the base includes a contact connected to the
3 grounded support and to the tab.

1 11. (previously amended) The card holder defined in
2 claim 7 wherein the tab has a part imbedded in the base.

1 12. (currently amended) In combination with a grounded
2 support and a smart card, a card holder comprising:

3 a dielectric base fixed to the support;

4 a conductive cover forming a slot dimensioned to hold the
5 card and pivotal on the base between an open position partially
6 raised from the base and a closed position closely juxtaposed with
7 the base; and

8 a hinge having a conductive part on the base connected to
9 the grounded support and a conductive part ~~on the~~ integral with the
10 cover in electrically conductive engagement with the part on the
11 base.